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Racine County, WI DFIRM Production

Introduction

With contracted support from CDM, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have teamed up to produce countywide digital flood insurance rate maps (DFIRMs) for Racine County, WI. Work on the DFIRM production tasks began in the fall of 2005, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2006. This Fact Sheet is being distributed to provide an update of the status of this project, including:

- Review of different production types to create DFIRMs
- Summary of the Scope of Work and stream reaches that are included in the DFIRM process
- Estimated completion schedule
- Points of contact if you have questions

DFIRM Production Types

FIRM-Based Delineation: Production method where existing effective flood boundaries are converted to a digital format. This method is used in areas where there is no new topographic data available to revise the flood data.

Redelineation: Production method where existing effective flood boundaries are revised based on more accurate topographic data.

Leverage Study: Production method where a revised flood study is provided by a third party, such as a CTP or private contractor; pending review for compliance with FEMA guidelines the study is subsequently incorporated into the new DFIRM.

Scope of Work

Based on available funding, available data, and community needs, the Racine County, Countywide DFIRM Project Scope includes the following:

- Digital Base Map preparation
- Mapping production including FIRM-Based Delineation, Redelineation and Leverage Study

- Production of 58 proposed DFIRM panels
- Production of Countywide FIS report and profiles
- Preliminary DFIRM/FIS distribution

The table included with this Fact Sheet contains a detailed list of stream mileage and the associated study type for each reach that will be included in the DFIRMs. The table also includes a list of "Unmet Community Needs" which represents stream reaches that were not included in this initial phase because they did not have appropriate technical information, were not available to meet the current Map Mod schedule requirements, or did not have available funding. Unmet needs will be addressed in the subsequent maintenance phase of FEMA's Map Modernization Program.

Progress and Next Steps in DFIRM Process

The mapping production phase for Racine County is over 90% complete. Once FEMA and WDNR have completed the draft floodplain boundaries, the draft maps will be reviewed for technical accuracy and compliance with FEMA guidelines and specifications, and incorporated into the DFIRMs. Following the distribution or posting of preliminary map products to county and DNR websites, FEMA and the DNR will conduct a Flood Risk Information Open House at a common county venue; the purpose of this event will be to present the new maps, discuss the public comment and 90-day appeals process, and share flood risk and mitigation information with the public. A smaller meeting will also be held with community officials to discuss the public review process in more detail and outline ordinance update measures that will be required at the end of this mapping project. These meetings are tentatively scheduled for winter 2007.

The following table contains a detailed list of stream mileage and the associated Study Type for each reach. This information can also be downloaded from the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/flood/mapping.htm>.

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Flooding Source	Zone AE Redelineation (miles)	FIRM- Based Delineation (miles)	Leverage Study (miles)	Zone A Redelineation (miles)
Chicory Tributary			2.35	
Des Plaines River			2.01	0.32
Eagle Creek		3.36		0.41
East Branch Root River Canal		9.55		
Fox River		20.99		0.03
Goose Lake Branch Canal		6.88		
Honey Creek		2.70		
Hoods Creek		9.79		1.05
Hoosier Branch Canal		0.65		
Hoosier Creek		3.45		0.09
Hoosier Creek Canal		2.19		
Husher Creek		4.11		1.44
Kilbourn Road Ditch			12.22	
Muskego Canal		0.60		
North Branch Pike River		3.39	5.29	
Pike River				0.01
Pike River Tributary			1.50	0.00
Root River		22.84		
Root River Canal		4.17		
Spring Brook		4.48		0.01
Tributary to Wing Lake		1.86		
Unnamed Tributary		3.28		47.60
Unnamed Tributary to Waxdale Tributary		0.56		
Waubeesee Lake Canal		2.39		
Waxdale Tributary		0.65	1.94	
West Branch Root River Canal		14.05	1.98	
White River		2.13		0.01
Wind Lake Drainage Canal		7.28		
TOTAL STREAM MILES	0.00	131.37	27.29	50.95

MAP MODERNIZATION MAINTENANCE - UNMET NEEDS

Flooding Source	Needs Identified
Pike River, Hoods Creek, Waxdale Creek and Chicory Creek	Mount Pleasant/Sturtevant- update in progress; not completed in time for our study
White River and Fox River	Burlington highway bypasses have changed significantly (hwy 36,11,83)

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